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Southend Airport takes off with new service to Venice, Italy

## FANTASTICO!

By Paul Giles

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**BELLA!!** THE first flight from Southend Airport to Venice took off last Friday.

Customers checking in for the flight were treated to pizza and ice cream and serenaded by opera singers before they took off.

The new service will depart from the airport four days a week, with flights heading to Venice on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Flights to the romantic city will

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Hugh Aitken, easyJet's UK commercial manager said Venice is one of Italy's most visited leisure destinations.

He said: "We're extremely pleased to be celebrating the launch of easyJet's new route from London Southend to Venice."

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Alastair Welch, managing director of the airport, said the flight was the first time for years the airport had

flown to Italy.

Mr Welch said: "The airport is continuing to build on the success of the first year 2012."

"With Berlin and Krakow flights starting in June and flights to Edinburgh in May we are looking forward to offering more choice in destinations to customers at the airport."

"We have always planned for the airport to go steadily to two million customers by 2020."

EasyJet has also announced the launch of flights to Edinburgh, with tickets going on sale last Thursday

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# Man jailed for partygoer's killing

By Martyn Dolton

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A MAN has been jailed for five years for killing a fellow party goer in Chelmsford.

Following a two-week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court, Sam Martin, 26 of Eastwood Road, Leigh, was found not guilty of the murder of Anton Jardin on Monday, February 4, but had already pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

He was sentenced last Tuesday.

Anton died following an assault at a house party in Chelmsford on the V Festival weekend last August.

It was in the early hours of August 19, 2012, when Anton, 39, from Eastwood Road, Rayleigh, got involved in an argument with another man and when it had almost finished Martin, who had a cocktail of drinks and drugs inside him, decided to attack the man he thought was at fault.

He assaulted him and despite emergency aid from people at the party and the ambulance service, Anton died.

Senior investigating officer, Detective Chief Insp Mark Hall from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: "Anton Jardin was a talented and popular man. He was not someone who sought out trouble or got involved in violence. Anton died as a result of speaking up for someone else. He was doing what he thought was the right thing and his death in such circumstances is a tragedy.

"The incident started with an ineffectual fight between Anton and another man, little more than a scuffle. At a

time when the two men had already been separated Sam Martin chose to involve himself in a wholly unnecessary way. Sam Martin's actions were violent, disproportionate and without justification. He must now carry responsibility for his actions, and the consequences that followed.

"I would like to express my thanks to the witnesses who came forward to give evidence in this case. Essex Police and the Witness Service recognise the stresses on witnesses in such cases and we will continue to do all we can to support them.

"Anton's death was shocking and has devastated those who were closest to him. My thoughts, and those of my investigation team, are with Anton's family. Throughout a most difficult legal process, and despite their devastating loss, they have conducted themselves with the utmost dignity and courage. They have my deepest respect and condolences."



JAILED: Sam Martin.



KILLED: Anton Jardin.

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### Student fined

A SOUTHEND student is counting the cost of his dishonesty after wrongly received Housing and Council Tax Benefit worth £2,550.08.

Robert Roach, 40, of Toledo Close, Southend, a full time student with a bursary admitted failing to tell Southend Council officers that his circumstances had changed at Southend Magistrates Court on Wednesday, January 23.

He received a 100 hour community service order to be completed within a year, and ordered him to pay £100 costs, as well as having to repay the £2,550.08 overpaid benefit.

During the investigation, the Housing Benefit Fraud Investigation officers also discovered Mr Roach had moved from his previous Southend address but continued to receive Housing Benefits for that address.

### Diana award

SOUTHEND youth council members have been awarded the prestigious Diana Award.

They received the accolade for staging the 'On Your Bike' event in Priory Park in September last year.

It was arranged by previous youth mayor, Zeeshan Mitha, the youth council and Cycle Southend.

Now the council can join the Diana Network, a programme offering them the opportunity to volunteer, gain valuable life skills and put these into practice with internships and work placements, and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Programme.

### Swimming lessons

YOUNGSTERS unable to swim or lack confidence in the water are being invited to courses to improve their skills.

Shoeburyness Leisure Centre, Delaware Road, will hold two Aqua 1 courses from Monday, February 18 until Friday, February 22.

The half-hour courses for children from four years old upwards, continue daily for five days, cost £20 and start at 9am or 9:30am in the teaching pool.

For more call 01702 293558 or e-mail shoeburyness@parkwood-communityleisure.co.uk

## Thieves steal car at knifepoint in Westcliff

POLICE are appealing for information after a car was stolen in a knife point robbery in Westcliff.

The car jacking started at West Road at 8.25am on Saturday.

The driver of the car had pulled up at traffic lights at the junction with London Road when two men jumped in and threatened him with a knife and demanded money.

He was then ordered to drive into

Cotswold Road where he managed to get out and run off.

The duo drove the five door silver Ford Escort away.

Investigating officer, PC Kiri Karlo, said the incident was frightening for the driver who had no money on him.

Pc Karlo said: "The thieves kept on demanding money and held a knife up at the victim all the time they were

in the car.

"They threatened to stab him if he didn't get any money."

The man brandishing the knife was white, 5ft 10in tall, of slim build, with a drawn looking face and short light brown hair.

He was wearing a long sleeved light coloured jumper.

The knife was a small serrated kitchen knife with a blade around 4in

long with a black handle.

The second man was of a slight tanned Mediterranean appearance, more than 6ft tall, of large build which was more on the fat side than muscle.

He had a round face, with black, short curly hair.

Anyone with information should contact PC Karlo at Southend CID on 101.

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# Students given a Viz-ion of iconic magazine by founder

By Suzi Muston

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BUSINESS students at South East Essex College were given a glimpse into the evolution of the iconic comic Viz by its founder Simon Donald.

Simon and his brother Chris created the magazine using old typewriters and carbon copies.

Simon, who was only 14 years old, took 150 copies of the magazine to a pub in Newcastle and they sold out in one night.

"We sold them for 10p and made a 20p loss on each one!" he said. But the brothers were not losing money for long. Thanks to their heavy involvement with Newcastle's underground music scene, pubs across the city were keen to sell the subversive comic.

Within a year, sales had rocketed to almost 10,000.

Speaking about his business model Simon said: "It really was all about creating contacts, and creating this fantastic network of people all over Newcastle. We used that same model when we approached the record companies and eventually most of the independent record shops across the country were selling Viz, so too were Virgin records."

What started off as a 12 page fanzine rapidly gained credibility and frequently sold millions every month.

Some of the older Viz magazines have been fetching £2,000 for one edi-

tion, particularly edition number two.

The magazine now comfortably sells around the 100,000 mark each month in a very competitive market.

Simon said he firmly believed the main reason he and his brother Chris succeeded with Viz though was their intense passion and love of what they were doing.

He said: "It was a love, a hobby, and after making a loss, we made money doing something we enjoyed massively, luck played an enormous part too, being in the right place at the right time."

Viz's format uses very strong characters the boys had met throughout their teenage years in the city they grew up in.

Simon said: "The comic was ahead of its time with Roger Mellie, the man on telly, as it highlighted the public's obsession with third rate celebrities and cheaply made TV."

After almost 30 years at Viz, Simon decided he wanted to pursue his other passion – the gruelling world of stand up comedy.

He regularly appears at Edinburgh's Fringe festival with his 'classes in swearing'.

"Swearing is a serious business you know – you have to know when to use swear words to your advantage!"

Simon said after 30 years in editorial he has 'never been happier on the stage.'

Simon is also in a band and regularly plays in London's famous 100 Club.



REBELLIOUS BUSINESS: Simon Donald.  
Picture by Mark Cleveland

## College teams up with dragon

IF you have ever fancied setting up your own business or want to know more about business generally, South East Essex College offers a variety of business courses.

The college has teamed up with the The Peter Jones Enterprise Academy - founded by entrepreneur and star of Dragon's Den, Peter Jones.

Many of the students have gone straight from school to the college while others have degrees already and joined the academy.

The academy is one of 37 nationwide and was formed with a view to encouraging more entrepreneurial activity within the UK, based on a philosophy of 'learning by doing'.

Starting in September 2009, the Enterprise Academy set out to be a catalyst for cultural change by bringing the boardroom into the classroom.

The academy aims to equip future generations of entrepreneurs with the skills and mindset to run their own businesses thereby supporting the future of the British economy.

More than 99 per cent of businesses in the UK are SMEs (Small Medium Enterprises).

Academy Manager for Business and Enterprise at South East Essex College, Steve Newman said: "These are companies run by men and women just like you, they had an idea, commitment and sheer hard work to make it succeed."

"Despite the UK economy's reliance on these people, the development of enterprise and entrepreneurship is grossly neglected."

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## Biro art is ink-credible

**ONE MAN AND HIS BIRO:** An example of Gary Lawrence's work at the Beecroft Gallery.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

**By Paul Giles**

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AN ARTIST who creates pictures using biros is displaying his first solo exhibition at the Beecroft Gallery.

The exhibition shows the work of Gary Lawrence, who won £6,000 in the Jerwood Drawing Prize in 2011.

His intricate, large scale works, take nearly a year to complete.

Gary said his inspiration is holidays he takes to Greece,

and he never sees the entirety of his work until it is complete.

The work remains rolled with him working on a small section at a time, progressing along the roll of paper until complete.

The artist has previously kept costs down when drawing by using signs from Woolworths when it was closing down as a canvas, and packets of economy biros as a medium.

Gary said: "It's a bit like knitting, you have to stick at it for a long time to get the results."

Clare Hunt, curatorial manager at Southend museums service, said the work had already been a big talking point for visitors when he was in a collective art show.

She said: "Gary's work has always been greatly admired at Essex's Open."

"It was a natural progression to invite him to display his work at the Beecroft as it is an impressive collection which visitors are really enjoying."

One Man and his Biro runs until March 30.

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## Delays to closure of postal delivery offices

THE CLOSURE of several postal delivery offices has been delayed.

The news comes after MP for Rochford and Southend East, James Duddridge, confirmed he would be meeting with Moya Greene, the chief executive of Royal Mail.

Two offices were supposed to close on Monday and other closures have been delayed.

In December last year Royal Mail announced it would be closing delivery offices in Shoeburyness, Great Wakering, Rochford and Leigh, and centralising services to the Short Street offices, in Southend.

Mr Duddridge said he had received confirmation Shoeburyness and Great Wakering would not close earlier this week.

He said: "I am meeting the Chief Executive of Royal Mail in Parliament this week and no delivery office in the Southend area will close prior to this meeting."

A spokesman from Royal Mail confirmed a meeting would be taking place at some point this week.

# Say hello to your new youth mayor

By Paul Giles

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THE NEW youth mayor for Southend was announced last week as Megan Sylvester, and her deputy will be Chris Copley.

The pair were chosen by young voters in the borough and were awarded their chains last Wednesday, at a Southend Youth Council Meeting.

Megan, 17, congratulated Chris for being elected as deputy.

She said: "I know we will make a great team."

"Thank you so much to all those who voted for any of us, your votes are really appreciated. This year I hope to change the way we are viewed and listen to as many people as possible."

"I joined the Youth Council because I believe we, as youth, deserve a say and can be heard."

Megan, who is a pupil of Shoeburyness High School, volunteers in many organisations and enjoys horse riding, reading, and dancing.

Chris, 16, said he was extremely pleased to be working with Megan as her deputy.

He said: "I believe this year will be one of the greatest yet. I would also like to thank all those who helped with our election campaigns."

"I hope to plan with Megan to merge our manifestos to create some fantastic new events."

"I joined the Youth Council to try and make a change for the young people of Southend."

Chris, a pupil at Westcliff High School for Boys, has wide interests ranging from playing guitar and singing, to debating, hockey and public speaking.

In the 2013-2014 Southend Youth Mayor elections, a total of 2,712 of young people voted, 20 per cent of the borough's 11-19 year olds, from schools right across the borough.

Southend councillor for children and learning, James Courtenay, congratulated the pair in their new positions.



**YOUTH MAYOR:** Megan Sylvester who was voted in as new youth mayor for the borough.  
Picture by Mark Cleveland

He said: "I would like to thank all those who took the trouble to vote, it just goes to show that young people, when engaged about issues that matter to them, are interested in their community as the rest of us."

"I hope they will continue to be involved in the work of our thriving Youth Council."

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### Attempted robbery

POLICE are appealing for information following an attempted robbery which took place on Woodgrange Drive, Southend at the bus stop opposite Honiton Road.

The victim, a sixth form student, was approached by two men last Wednesday as he waited for a bus between 7.25am and 7.40am.

The men showed him a knife and demanded his mobile phone, which he refused to hand over.

The two men are described as white, aged 16 to 19, both of slim build and wearing dark clothing. One of them had fair hair and the other dark.

Information to Essex Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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### House blaze

FIRE crews were called to a house fire last Thursday at Kenilworth Gardens, in Westcliff.

The fire started around 1.16pm and two crews used breathing apparatus and two hose reels to extinguish the fire by 1.49pm.

### Street cleaning fire

A STREET cleaning machine caught fire in the Tesco store car park, off of Prince Avenue, last Tuesday at 11.02am.

A crew from Leigh used one hose jet reel to extinguish the fire by 11.15am.

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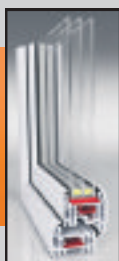


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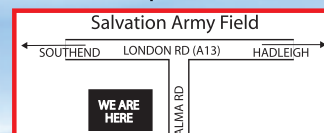
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A spokesman for Southend Council said byelaws prevented youngsters from practicing their skills overnight in Southend woods and parks, but they could always travel outside the borough, if they want to progress further.

Jo Lowman, education and community officer at Belfairs Park, explained it was the first time the two hour course had been run.

She said: "We will be making things with wood we have found in the woodlands and I will teach people how to whittle willow from the woods as well.

If people want to take part they should turn up at the Woodland Centre, at Belfairs Park, dressed in outdoor clothes at 10am.

It is free for adults but tickets cost £5 per child and need to be booked by visiting the website at [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)



WOOD CRAFT: Jo Lowman who will be teaching people bushcraft at Belfairs Park. Picture by Mark Cleveland

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### Theatre goers raise cash

SOUTHEND Theatres raised more than £20,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity Theatres for Theatres.

The money was collected over the Christmas period when Cinderella was showing at the theatre.

### Dementia event

SOUTHEND Central Library will be hosting a dementia awareness event this Saturday, between 10am and noon.

People will be able to speak face to face with members of staff about their concerns about dementia.

For more information call 01702-534434 or go to [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)

### Benefit help

SESSIONS will be held to help people understand the changes in benefits.

People will be able to talk to advisors from the Jobcentre, Citizens Advice Bureau and Southend Council.

The sessions will be held on Monday, February 25, between 2pm and 4pm at Southend Library, and at Growing Together, at 47 Fairfax Drive, Westcliff, on Thursday, February 28, between 10am and noon.

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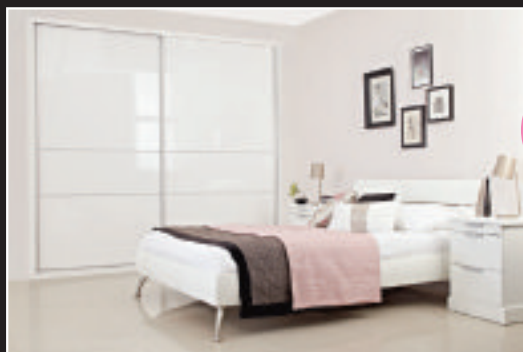
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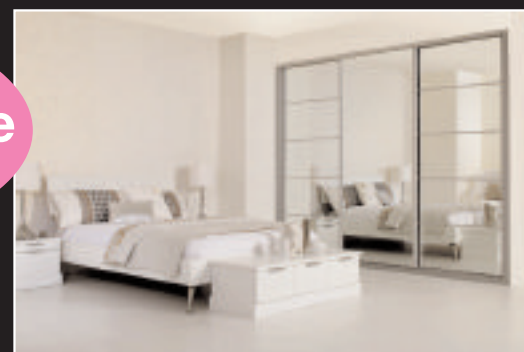
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# Gift of trees from across the pond

By Paul Giles

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A MAN who used to live in Southend and emigrated to the United States has given 14 trees to Southend and plans to donate more.

David Abrey, of Kansas, moved from the town 16 years ago and decided to donate the trees as his parents still live in South Avenue.

The 46-year-old is the third generation of his family to hail from Southchurch so decided to ask Southend Council to plant trees along Southchurch Road.

Mr Abrey, who attended Sacred Heart School, said: "I've lived in Kansas City since 1997 with my American wife and two children, but I wanted to give something back to my home town which I visit every year.

"I was inspired to plant trees by the Greek proverb, 'A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.' "Hopefully this might encourage others to follow suit too and help the environment in Southend."

Southend councillor for culture and tourism, Councillor Derek Jarvis, said the authority was extremely grateful to Mr Abrey for the kind and welcome gift.



**DONATED TREES:** David Abrey, from Kansas, who has donated trees to the borough.

He said: "It is especially generous from someone who lives so far away, and yet is so ready to help enhance our borough for the benefit of all our residents and visitors.

"Mr Abrey has set a wonderful example."

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# TOWIE star set for debut book signing

LAUREN Goodger, is visiting the Victoria shopping centre this Saturday to sign copies of her book.

The TOWIE star will be promoting her debut book *Secrets of an Essex Girl* in the centre's lower mall from noon.

Being the most photographed cast member of *The Only Way Is Essex*, Lauren's love life and her weight has been a constant subject in the media. In *Secrets of an Essex Girl*, Lauren sheds the truth behind these headlines and opens up about the ups and downs of her roller-coaster life.

The Victoria centre manager, Dennis Baldry, said it was always fantastic when an Essex celebrity visits the centre.

He said: "Local stars are always well received and I'm sure this book signing will be another great day here at the Victoria shopping centre."

"We are all very excited."



SIGNING: Lauren Goodger who will be signing her book this Saturday

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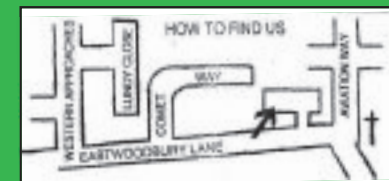
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The shop Home Sweet Home, in Leigh Road, Leigh, was destroyed by the car on Tuesday, February 5, at just

before 11.40am.

No one was hurt in the incident but two fire crews were called to make the car safe.

## Woman rescued

A WOMAN had to be rescued from underneath a bus on Monday night.

Fire crews were called to Chichester Road, Southend, at 6.12pm to release a woman in her 40s who was trapped underneath a bus.

Three crews from Southend used airbags to get the woman free by 6.40pm.

The woman was taken to Southend Hospital for treatment on leg injuries by the Ambulance Service.

## Beach bomb

THE BOMB disposal unit were called to Southend seafront to carry out a controlled explosion on Tuesday morning.

A member of the public found 25 anti aircraft shells from the Second World War in the early hours of Tuesday morning out in the Ray Gut.

The corroded shells that measure five inches long were uncovered by mud erosion and were detonated at 8.28am.

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# Golf club is on the mark

GARON Park Golf Club has completed a revival by winning the title of GolfMark Club of the Year 2013.

It is a triumph for co-owner Alan Walker, who bought the club in Garon Park, Southend, from the administrators in May 2010, and for his team.

He was accompanied at the awards dinner by PGA professional Ben Jones and the club's junior organisers Micky and Carol Pearson.

Alan said: "We are absolutely chuffed, this is a wonderful achievement for a club which was in the doldrums three years ago. This will boost morale at the club and tell everybody that we are something special," said Alan, a past captain of the PGA and a PGA Master Professional.

The England Golf award, in its fifth



**BOOST:** Alan Walker, Ben Jones and Carol and Micky Pearson.

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year, recognises golf clubs that make an outstanding contribution to junior and beginner golf.

The award was announced at the England Golf Partnership's County Golf Development Conference at Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough University on Sunday.

Mr Walker's connections with Garon Park go back to 1994, when he designed the course and ran the club for five years, before selling it.

He jointly bought it back after hearing it had gone into administration and decided the way forward was to 'get to the backbone of the game, junior golfers'.

Richard Flint, Golf Development Manager for England Golf, said: "Garon Park has adapted, become more business and customer focused and with their flexible, welcoming approach have become a truly inclusive facility."

## Valentine themed charity night

A VALENTINE event will be held at this Saturday at the Rochford Hotel to raise money for children's charity Whizz Kids.

There will be a six piece band, a raffle and an auction.

The event starts at 7pm with welcome drinks.

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## Disco down

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# Parade marks Prophet's birthday

HUNDREDS of Muslims took to the streets of Southend last Sunday to celebrate the birthday of prophet Muhammed.

A parade of people marched from a mosque in Milton Road, to the Essex Jammie Masjid Mosque, in Chelmsford Road, waving banners and singing.

Roads in the area were closed for several hours in order for the peace rally to take place.

Ibrar Azam, chairman of the Fazan

E Medina, in Milton Road, said it was the first time it had been celebrated this way in Southend.

Mr Azam said: "We're happy with the turn out and we will try and do this every year from now on."

Aqib Azam, 19, who was on the rally, said events like it were going on all over the world.

He said: "We are doing this to celebrate the Prophet Muhammed. I have been to events like this in Manchester and London."



**CELEBRATIONS:** The parade walks through Southend to mark Prophet Muhammed's birthday

# School and hospital meals appear clear of horse meat

SCHOOLS and hospitals across Essex have not found any traces of horse meat in meals, but will continue to investigate over the next week.

Several hospitals including Basildon and Chelmsford, refused to comment on whether contaminated meals had been served up.

Southend Hospital immediately confirmed it was happy with its food. Its supplier, UK Compass Group UK & Ireland, also released a statement clarifying its position, and insisted the 'traceability and quality of our food is a top priority'.

The statements continued: "All of our nominated suppliers have to meet strict food quality and safety standards and they regularly undergo independent audits to ensure these standards are upheld."

"In light of recent events, we have asked all of our meat suppliers to re-confirm their compliance with the required traceability, testing and hygiene processes to ensure the integrity of their products is maintained."

"We have received this confirma-

tion from all of our core meat suppliers, who have also confirmed that no contaminated products have been supplied to Compass Group UK & Ireland."

Investigations are ongoing into schools. Essex County Council said it was working with a 'significant number of local and national suppliers regarding the current issues surrounding Meat Contamination'.

A statement released by the authority said: "Our early findings indicate that there is no cause for concern as the majority of our school food provision is made from scratch on school premises using fresh natural ingredients purchased from reliable and reputable suppliers who are able to provide full provenance traceability."

"We will continue to liaise with those suppliers who are approved national suppliers to ensure that our schools are not able to individually request or purchase foods that fall outside of those on the approved list to ensure that our controls in this matter remain robust."

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## Opinion and readers' letters

### Why do we trust these people?

FOLLOWING the decision not to continue with the successful airshow, the council has created the Southend Community Events Board. It is made up of the same individuals who brought the only damp squib of the Olympics, 'Sparks will Fly' which was a disaster, the hospital unable to attract any walkers or runners – disjointed events and the worst carnival in living memory!

Why entrust these individuals with council taxpayers' money with such a record?

It is time for the council to concentrate on their core and not to be wasting any more of our money on madcap failed schemes!

Adam Gower  
Thorpe Bay

### Demands will get UK kicked out of EU

AN ARTICLE in last week's YA highlighted the 'warmly welcomed' commitment from Mr Cameron to hold an In/Out referendum on Europe in 2017. This is nothing more than a cheap shot to wrong

foot UKIP by trying to win back the hearts and minds of those Tory voters who are warming to UKIP's one and only policy of bringing the shutters down on our EU membership, and who are being taken in by the inflammatory anti-immigration reporting of the rightwing press.

There is no way that Mr Cameron's commitment will come to fruition, also he will probably be long gone by 2017. It would be economic suicide for the UK to leave the EU and the banks and big business, much of which financially backs the Tory party, would not allow this to happen. The only way we would ever leave the EU is if the EU ejects us, and if we push for reckless demands which are utterly untenable with the other EU members this is a possibility.

Mr S Dewhurst  
Address supplied

### No excuse for dog mess

AS AN owner of two dogs I have to say I am absolutely disgusted with the amount of dogs mess that is being left on pavements, parks and dog walking areas. You can no longer walk without looking at the ground for fear of stepping in dogs mess.

My two dogs love playing with a ball on their walks and I have to say they are forever getting upset stomachs the day after. I am sure it's due to the amount of mess they are coming into contact with their ball rolling in it and then them picking it up.

Also the biggest concern is children playing in parks etc that come into contact with dogs mess, the health implications can be awful. I feel this is a problem that's getting totally out of control and absolutely no excuse for it. Dog waste bags are available in all supermarkets and pet shops. Please stop being plain lazy dog owners and pick up your dogs' mess after them and dispose of properly. Let's all be able to enjoy our walks without our pets becoming ill or worse our children.

Joanne Read  
via e-mail

### Foster families needed

THERE is a desperate shortage of both adopters and foster carers throughout the UK and more people from all walks of life are needed to come forward.

Many people still believe being gay or lesbian, whether they are single or in a same sex relationship is a barrier to adopting or fostering, but this

is just a myth.

Through our work, the British Association for Adoption & Fostering (BAAF) has met many amazing adoptive parents and foster carers from the LGBT community who have given hundreds of children a loving, safe and secure family life. We are, therefore, very pleased to support the LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week (March 4-10). There will be information events held across the UK, throughout the week, which will include opportunities to speak to others who have already become a family through adoption or fostering.

So if you are thinking about adoption or fostering, please come along and find out more. To find your nearest event, please visit [www.lgbtadoptfosterweek.org.uk](http://www.lgbtadoptfosterweek.org.uk) or for more general information about fostering and adoption, please visit [www.baaf.org.uk](http://www.baaf.org.uk)

David Holmes, Chief  
Executive British Association  
for Adoption & Fostering

### Ralph is a big plus for Essex

LAST year I was fascinated by the readers who wrote in praising the many books of boxing author Ralph Oates.

Being a fight fan I had heard of Oates before but decided to Google him anyway and found that he is also the present Boxing Consultant for the Guinness World Records. With Ralph coming from Essex this is another big plus for our county and another blow for the many critics who like to knock us.

Tommy Elliott  
Address supplied

### Charity begins at home

WE have once again been promised a referendum on leaving the European Union by Cameron.

He promised a referendum before the last election if he was elected and it did not happen. Is he to be trusted to deliver after the General Election in 2015? In the intervening period, if he gains 'concessions' from the EU, not specified, he will once again cancel our democratic right to vote to leave the EU. So much for promises, lies and this type of politician.

We desperately need to be out of the EU before January 1 2014, yes, 11 months' time, when we will have to accept unlimited numbers from Bulgaria and Romania where 29 million will be entitled to come here, to work, obtain benefits, housing, schools and health services. The only government welfare payments are

child benefit, which is £3.50 per child per week in Bulgaria and £3.69 in Romania. Where would you choose to live?

Fifty per cent of Bulgarians live in poverty, Romania has major social problems and both countries suffer from institutionalised crime. Turkey has applied to join the EU with a population of 72 million. We need to stop all EU immigration to the UK now and the only way that we can control this is by leaving the EU now.

Employment for the UK's school leavers is seriously threatened by the current and predictable uncontrolled immigrant numbers. In conversation with a local head teacher, she is extremely worried for the children that she is responsible for. We will copy Spain, with 50 per cent of our youngsters under 25 out of work and no prospects.

We have been told by the two millionaires, Cameron and Osborne, that we are 'all in this together'. The millions of UK citizens suffering under the current policies would not agree with the two millionaires. Keep our money here, charity begins at home.

Terence Gandy  
Address supplied

### Support National Heart Month

AS YOU may already know February is National Heart Month when the nation's heart charity, the British Heart Foundation (BHF), encourages the Great British public to think about their hearts and the hearts of those around them.

We also use this time to urge the UK to raise vital funds for us and this year saw our first ever Rock Up In Red event take place with people across East England donning their best red items and donating £2 to us on February 1.

In the East, there are 199,287 people living with heart disease. We have seen the East of England support us in various ways including holding a coffee morning and taking part in a red-themed run. We are hugely grateful for the funds raised so far, which will go towards supporting the 2.3 million people in the UK currently living with heart disease.

With this in mind, we wanted to call on your readers to continue to support us as there is still time to get involved with National Heart Month and fundraise for the BHF's life-saving work. Readers can hold a red bake sale, challenge friends and family to a quiz or organise their own Rock Up In Red event. You can also buy a love note or pin badge at your local BHF shop.

For more information and tips on how to fundraise, visit

[www.bhf.org.uk/red](http://www.bhf.org.uk/red) or call the hotline on 0300 330 0645.

Alex Mayer,  
Fundraising Volunteer  
Manager East England

### The eleven plus is an unscientific test

ONE imagines that filling Southend's grammar schools with Southend's children would be akin to casting pearls before swine in the mind of the Conservative portfolio holder for Children and Lifelong Learning. His limp excuse that up to three-quarters of the places available at the town's four grammar schools go to children from outside of the borough because not enough of Southend's kids pass the eleven plus does not please.

The eleven plus, a decidedly unscientific test, has a movable pass mark. The test weeds out those who are without coaching, rather than selecting the most intelligent. Any late developer, someone who is off-colour on the day, or whose education has failed them is condemned. (I also find it puzzling that we give the best of our educational resources to the already blessed, but then my view that we give the greatest support to those in greatest need is evidently not shared by those responsible for education in the town.)

Thus we are left with two options: concede that Southend's kids just aren't up to it (and then realise what this says about the quality of primary education in the borough), or move the pass mark so that these schools truly serve the community they inhabit.

I prefer a third option, though – the introduction of universal comprehensive education in the borough. Still, what do I know? I am also a victim of Southend's educational apartheid.

Julian Ware-Lane  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Who will pay for meat scandal?

WITH even more shocking news coming out of the horse meat scandal, it really does make you wonder who will be punished more?

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via e-mail

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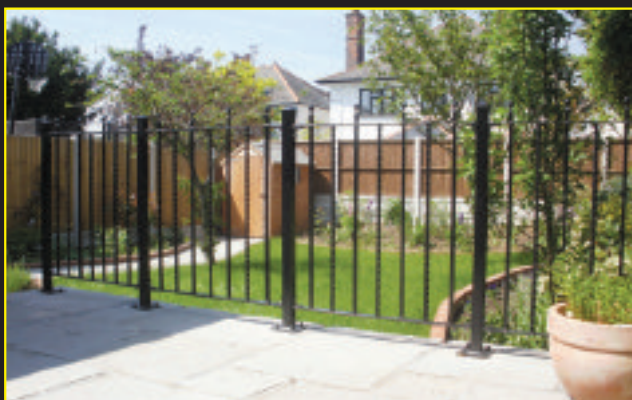
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## Turning back the clock

**LIZ WADE** delves into our history at Thurrock Museum

SOMETIMES find large museums a bit overwhelming with far too many objects and information to take in, all in one place. Small museums on the other hand are much more fascinating as, whatever they lack in size, they certainly make up for in fascinating facts.

Thurrock Museum in Grays is just one of these places as, although it is dedicated to local history, everything inside it goes towards piecing together events in our country's history. What's more, as it's a local museum you can discover much more about the people and places that have been a part of this amazing timeline, allowing much more information to be absorbed by visitors.

While the museum occupies only a part of one floor of the Thameside complex in the centre of the town, it is still home to an Aladdin's cave of things to look at and information to discover.

Although it is a museum of human history, it begins with a look at Thurrock itself from its rocks and soils, before embarking on its links with the Stone Age and Bronze Age, as well as Roman life.

Flint head axes have been dug up across the borough, along with fossilised bones of big game animals, storage jars from the Bronze Age and Roman pottery. One site in Mucking was of such interest that, during a major archaeological excavation between 1965 and 1978, the remains of Saxon houses, and even people, were discovered.

While it is fascinating to think just what on earth is under our feet from hundreds, if not thousands of years ago, it is also nice to discover stories we didn't know. This includes the story of a little village - complete with 40 houses, a school, an institute and a shop - which began life in 1897 but sadly is no more. It was situated around three miles from Corringham, at the site of the Coryton oil refinery, and while the villagers of Coryton (or Kynochtown as it was known) had to be evacuated during the war in 1940 to let soldiers do

their work. They had to leave for good in 1969 because Mobil want the land to extend the refinery.

Another story that I found fascinating was that of the Daneholes that were constructed centuries ago and are believed to be either former hiding places, draw wells for the extraction of chalk, or store houses for grain.

The name Daneholes comes from Anglo Saxon word 'denn', meaning cave, and many of them have been discovered across Thurrock including Grays, particularly around the area of Hangman's Wood, as well as in East Tilbury, Mucking, West Thurrock, Little Thurrock, North Stifford and Purfleet.

While these holes have been covered over the years and built on, a couple of them have opened up over recent months in the Grays area and taken with them the driveways of unsuspecting homeowners.

It makes you wonder just how many there are out there and why we haven't discovered more about them and their locations. It seems those who lived in the area during the early part of the 20th Century were much more interested in them as one such Danehole in Hangman's Wood was opened to the public.

Visitors were lowered down in a contraption to take a look, and it was so popular that there was even a place serving refreshments for them in the wood called the Cunobelin Retreat.

Today, I feel, we will just have to wonder what it was like being lowered down into a Danehole all those years ago because I am sure health and safety of nowadays would be having none of it.

While there are histories of specific towns in the area including Chadwell and West Tilbury, Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope, and Orsett and Bulphan, there are also sections dedicated to Thurrock at war, the Post Office, the police and fire brigade, and local transport - from the times of bicycles and the horse and cart, to those lucky enough to own one of the first motor cars.

You can find out more about the borough's large houses including Belhus Mansion, which was home to the Barrett-Lennard family.

The grounds of the house, which was visited by Queen Elizabeth I in 1578, were landscaped by Capability Brown in the 1740s and 1750s. While the house is no more, having been demolished after the war, some objects from the man-



**HISTORIC:** Artefacts at Thurrock Museum

sion can be found at the museum including one of its fire-places - now at home in a stairwell at the Thameside Complex just outside the museum's entrance.

Thurrock Museum is definitely worth a visit as, while it may have limited space it is packed with a lot of history inside and whatever you can't see in its displays there are many information sheets available to read to find out even more about the area.

### fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Thurrock Museum can be found in the Thameside Complex in Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX. Take the Grays exit from the A13 and follow the signs for the town centre and then the theatre.

■ **OPENING TIMES:** The museum is open from 10am to 7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays.

■ **ENTRANCE:** Free

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit [www.thurrock.gov.uk](http://www.thurrock.gov.uk)

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- ### Saturday, February 16

  - Transmission Meditation Workshop, Southend Central Library, 10-11.30am, admission free.
  - Messy Church, like Kids Club but for everyone, messy craft, messy food, bible stories, church but not as we know it! At Wat Tyler Country Park, 11am-1pm.
  - China Painting Club, Canon Roche Pastoral Centre, Laindon Road, Billericay, 9.15am-noon, come and see demonstrations, visitors £4, further details Betty 01702 204334.
  - Walk, SE Essex Ramblers, meet 10am, Cherry Orchard Country Park car park, 5.5 miles through the park and surrounding countryside, bring own refreshments.
  - Valentine's Line Dance Request Evening, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, 7.30-11pm. 01268 281488.
  - Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
  - Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
  - Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
  - Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
  - Rugby Training Session, Rochford Hundred Rugby Club, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell, for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12, every Saturday 10am-noon. 07533 348799.

Football School for Girls, Fryerns Recreation Ground, £1 drop in sessions every Saturday 10.30-11.30am, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls and Ladies FC. 07882 456558.

- ### Sunday, February 17

  - Special Opening, Exhibition, Cultural Centre, The Pierhead, Southend, 'Believe', 1-3pm with live music, all welcome including children, admission free, (exhibition runs from February 15 to February 22).
  - Concert, Towngate Theatre, Basildon, 'Blake' - classical pop quartet. 01268 465465.
  - Trading Hut Open, The Hockley and District Horticultural Society, every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3.
  - Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
  - Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
  - King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
  - King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you know it. 01268 750520.
  - Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
  - Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
  - Mejo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, Mo on 07757 658799.

- ### Monday, February 18

  - Meeting, Canvey USA, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, Liz Sullivan - 'My Irish Victorian Grandparents', 1.30-4pm, further details of group activities and trips contact Ernie 01268 752080 or Ruth and John 690485.
  - Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Tony Pethen- saxophone/Alex Field - guitar,

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- 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'League Competition', 8-10pm. 01702 589720.
  - Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
  - Over 50's session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of equipment, details 01268 779100.
  - Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
  - Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
  - Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
  - Club 60, Floor 3, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
  - Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/cons, 4 mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
  - Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
  - Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
  - Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
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  - Senior Citizens Club, Ghylgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
  - Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
  - Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, every Monday, doors open 7.30pm, admission

- £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
  - Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
  - Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
  - Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
  - Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Mondays 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

- ### Tuesday, February 19

  - Walk, Ramblers Friends Group ES30, meet 10.30am, The Bull, Hockley Woods, 4 miles, pub lunch.
  - Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion Club, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'The Tannahill Weavers', 8pm. 01702 715111.
  - Lunchtime Recorded Music, Council Chamber or nominated Committee Room, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, 'Stage and Screen' presented by Beryl Cannell, 12.45-1.45pm, admission free.
  - Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, 01702 818121.
  - Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell Methodist Church, Main Road (opposite Costcutter), every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.
  - Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
  - Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

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■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, February 20

■ Family Pantomime, Merlin Productions present Peter Pan, Eastwood Studio Theatre, near Southend, showing to Saturday 23 February, (Wed-Fri 7.30pm with matinee 3pm and Sat 6pm with matinee 2pm), tickets from 01268 777616.

■ Meeting, Southend Anglo Italian Circle, Leigh Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, talk in Italian 'The Mafia and its Origins', 8pm, entrance £4, 01702 712177.

■ Jazz, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Function Centre, Ellerica Way, Dave Lewis (Tenor Sax) Quartet with Ted Beament, 8pm, admission £10. 07850 607075.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, 8.30pm, live music from Garlic Spread. 01702 553622.

■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over

18's. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price 3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm, The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly club, Wednesdays 7.30pm, Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

## Thursday, February 21

■ Walk, Ramblers Friends Group ES30, meet 10.30am, Rettendon Bell, Rettendon Common, 4 miles, pub lunch.

■ Meeting, Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road (corner of Lambeth Road) Eastwood, varied programme with interesting speakers, 7.45pm, further details Barbara 01702 528311 or Jan 01702 529216.

■ Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome.

■ Meeting, Ekco Club House, Thornford Gardens, 12noon, we meet third Thursday in the month to talk over old times and meet old workmates.

■ Jazz, Park View Suite, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff (opposite Gainsborough Carpets), with Carol Braithwaite - vocals, Tim Huskison - piano, Mike Sagrott - guitar, Ted Simkins - bass, 8-10.30pm, £4. 01702 483900.

■ Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Parish Council Rooms, West Street, Rochford, 2-4pm. 01702 342426.

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reform Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, with artist Paul Alcock, beginners and experienced students welcome. 01702 615475.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz with Mike Warner (guitar), Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, 01268 465854.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, further details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

## Friday, February 22

■ Basildon French Circle, Room 2, Basildon Centre, talk in French on the French Presidency from the French Revolution onwards, 8pm, further details 01268 756347.

■ Evening of Mediumship with Christine King, Great Mistley Scout Hut, Vange, Basildon, 7.30-9pm.

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, further details Henry 01702 293794.

■ Stone Carving, Sculpture plus Lettering, Studio Workshop, 39a West Road, Shoebury, professional tuition, traditional tools, Fridays 8-10pm, details Jim Davis 01702 292867.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.

■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.

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Alongside its a la carte menu the restaurant also offers a range of deals including its Sunday Buffet, which is a great way to taste new dishes and fantastic value-for-money for families. The buffet, which includes a selection of 25 delicious dishes, is served from 1pm to late and costs just £6.95 per person, or £3.95 for children under the age of 12.

Staff at Wheeler's Tandoori Restaurant are now taking bookings for Valentine's Day, on Thursday, February 14, as well as Mother's Day, on Sunday, March 10. Anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to



avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, which has a well stocked bar, full disabled facilities and a large private car park, also offers a takeaway service with free home delivery, and welcomes taste card members as well as organisations who want to benefit from its Charity Buffet Events, which cost just £6 per person.

Wheeler's Tandoori Restaurant, at 458 London Road, on Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet, is open from noon to 2pm and from 5pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Thursday, and is open until midnight on Fridays and at weekends.

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A Robbie Williams Tribute night will be providing the entertainment on Friday, June 7, as well as a disco until 1am. Tuck into a three-course meal while enjoying 'Millennium - The Robbie Williams Show', before dancing the night away during a disco with Holiday Inn's resident DJ.

If you want to get your glad rags on then book a table at Holiday Inn's Summer Ball on Saturday, July 20. The black tie dinner and dance event includes a three-course meal, live cover music from band, Abbey Rouges, and a disco with their resident DJ until 1am.

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Its 70's Disco Night, as well as the Summer Ball and the Robbie Williams tribute evening,



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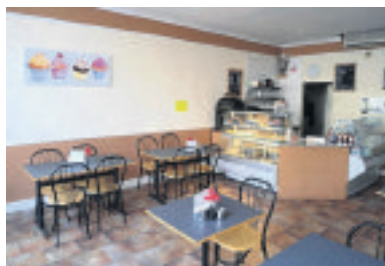
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Conveniently located studio flat with separate kitchen diner area. Situated in Westcliff this second floor studio flat is a short distance from shops banks and the Westcliff train station. The property comprises of a large bedroom/living room, separate kitchen diner and a shower room.



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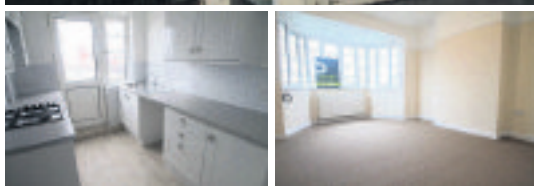


## Westcliff On Sea £330,000

**FIXED PRICE SALE ON THIS** immaculate purpose built seafront apartment being situated in a prime location opposite Chalkwell beach and offering no onward chain. The property offers quality fixtures and fittings throughout and there are two double bedrooms, main with en-suite and a fabulous open plan lounge/ kitchen with access to a South facing balcony affording superb views across the Thames Estuary.

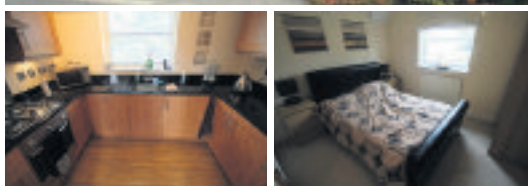
- ➔ Purpose Built
- ➔ Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- ➔ South facing balcony
- ➔ Double glazing
- ➔ Two bedrooms
- ➔ En-suite
- ➔ Dressing area
- ➔ Bathroom/wc
- ➔ Superb Estuary views
- ➔ Prime Location

## Leigh On Sea £159,950



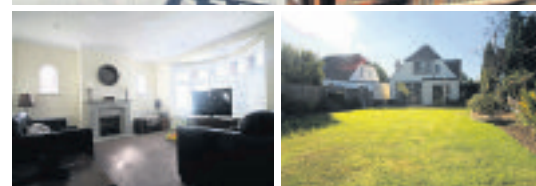
Sought after location of Leigh, close to Chalkwell Park this attractive and fully refurbished second floor apartment offering two bedrooms. The property boasts attractive and quality newly installed kitchen and bathroom fittings and has the advantage of full newly installed gas central heating and modern double glazing.

## Rayleigh £177,500



Attractive first floor apartment situated within a sought after development within close proximity of Rayleigh High Street. The property is a first floor apartment offering attractive accommodation with quality fittings throughout. The property has the added advantage of an en-suite shower room/wc to the master bedroom along with pleasant communal areas and parking.

## Southend On Sea £380,000



Being sold with no onward chain is this immaculate detached house of character being situated on the sought after Southchurch Boulevard and benefitting from spacious accommodation throughout. The property benefits from three/ four bedrooms, two with en-suites and includes a modern kitchen/ breakfast room with a spacious formal lounge and a family room overlooking an attractive rear garden. Rarely does a property of this calibre come onto the market and early viewings are advised to appreciate the size of the accommodation on offer.

## Southend On Sea £160,000



A pair of freehold self contained flats situated within central Southend closes to all amenities. The property has gas central heating serving the ground floor and electric storage heaters serving the first floor. The flats are currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancies and produce £11,412 per annum. Further details of tenancies available on request.

## Southend On Sea £625 pcm



Large first floor flat which has been fully refurbished and is situated close to Southend town centre. There is a large lounge and two double bedrooms and a newly fitted kitchen with four ring hob and oven under, there is also a new modern bathroom/wc and the property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing throughout as well as brand new flooring.

## Southend On Sea £475 pcm



Self contained first floor flat above a shop, accommodation comprising large lounge, kitchen/ diner with integrated oven and grill with four ring gas hob and extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, double bedroom, bathroom/wc with panelled bath with electric shower oven, wash hand basin and close coupled wc, full double glazing and gas central heating, newly carpeted throughout.

## Southend On Sea £540 pcm



Purpose built two bedroom self contained flat, newly carpeted and decorated throughout, double glazing and gas central heating, two double bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for refrigerator, bathroom/wc. Please note bath has no shower and small wash hand basin. Communal garden.

## Leigh On Sea £675 pcm



Sorrell letting department are pleased to offer this two bedroom ground floor apartment offering spacious accommodation throughout and being situated on the Leigh/ Hadleigh borders. The property has a large lounge/diner with a door leading to a pleasant outdoor seating area.

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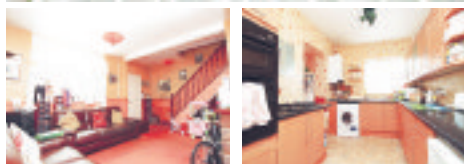
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### Westcliff-on-Sea £210,000

Impressive two double bedroom ground floor apartment built in 2007, having been immaculately maintained by the current owner, benefiting from en suite shower to master bedroom, fully fitted kitchen, good sized lounge/ diner, designated parking space and visitors parking. Early viewing advised. This property is convenient for Tescos, Southend University Hospital and A127. EPC: B Ref: ETS4703

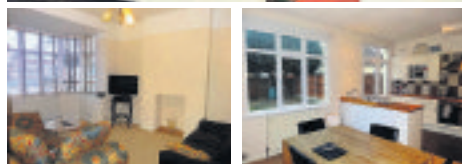
Family Home



### Leigh-on-Sea Guide £190,000 - £195,000

Extended four bedroom end of terrace house situated in a cul-de-sac location, benefiting from a modern fitted kitchen, uPVC double glazing, study, combination boiler (the vendor has informed us that the boiler is only a few years old), side and rear garden and off street parking to front. EPC: D Ref: ETS4656

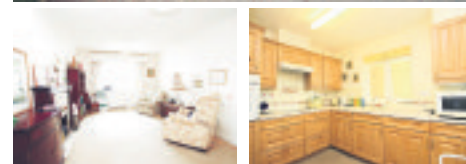
New Price



### Southend-on-Sea OIEO £189,995

Standing on a wide plot is this three bedroom end of terrace house which has the potential for extra parking or extension. The property has been vastly improved by the current owner to now benefit from modern kitchen/ diner and bathroom suite. EPC: E Ref: ETS4694

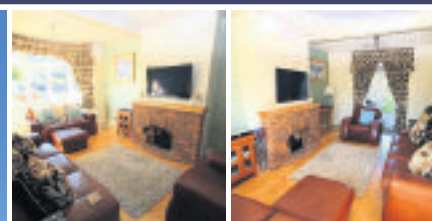
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### Westcliff-on-Sea £179,995

Situated in the impressive Alston Court development close to local shops, bus routes and convenient for Westcliff mainline station is this good sized two bedroom third floor retirement apartment with many communal facilities and attractive communal gardens. No onward chain. EPC: C Ref: ETS4640

Incentive



### Westcliff-on-Sea £284,995

Impressive three bedroom semi detached house with separate detached unit to rear offering possible fourth bedroom with en suite bathroom. Further benefits are a contemporary designed en suite and family shower room, solid wood oak doors throughout and modern fitted kitchen. Convenient for Tescos, Southend University Hospital and A127.

2% Stamp Duty to be paid by seller. EPC: D Ref: ETS4675

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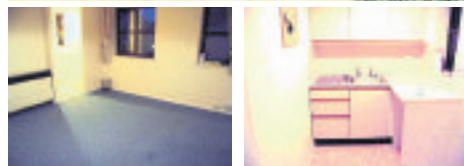
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### SHOEBURYNESS £410 PCM

Modern first floor studio apartment conveniently situated opposite Asda supermarket. The accommodation offers open plan lounge/bedroom leading onto kitchen, large shower room, residents parking and communal garden. Unfurnished. EPC: C. Ref: R308



### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £450 PCM

One double bedroom ground floor flat with off street parking close to town centre, mainline station, schools and local amenities. This property comprises of open plan lounge/kitchen, fitted bathroom, off street parking to front and gas central heating. Unfurnished. EPC: D Ref: R1377



### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £525 PCM

Spacious two bedroom first floor flat convenient for Southend town centre, local bus routes and mainline stations. The property benefits from a fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom, fitted carpets, gas central heating & double glazing. Unfurnished. EPC: E Ref: R1064



### LEIGH-ON-SEA £575 PCM

One double bedroom purpose built flat in popular location convenient for Leigh shopping and local bus routes. The accommodation benefits from spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/wc, double glazing, communal sun terrace and own parking space. Unfurnished. EPC: F Ref: R1148



### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £750 PCM

Very spacious is this three bedroom first floor flat in Southend conservation area. Accommodation also offers lounge, newly fitted kitchen/ diner and bathroom suite, additional shower room & separate wc, newly fitted flooring & designated parking. Unfurnished. EPC: D Ref: R1715



### RAYLEIGH £995 PCM

Convenient for Rayleigh mainline station is this beautifully redecorated three bedroom end of terrace house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite shower room to master bedroom, off street parking and double glazing. Unfurnished. EPC: D Ref: R1761

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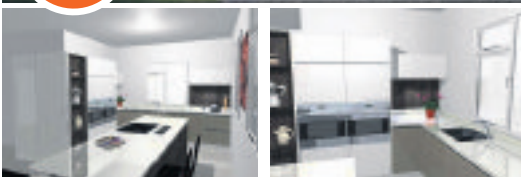
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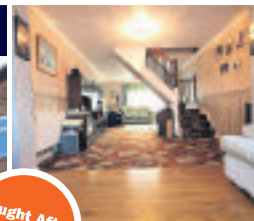


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## Marine Estate, Leigh £549,950

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## Highlands, Leigh £389,950

A fully detached house which has been beautifully refurbished in recent years and is situated in a most desirable location on the Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools Catchment area and walking distance of Leigh station. Three bedrooms, luxury bathroom, superb open plan kitchen and dining area, large garden, detached garage and parking for 3-4 cars. PLANS PASSED FOR LARGE EXTENSION, Internal viewing essential ref etl5069



## Leigh, Guide Price £250- 260,000

GUIDE PRICE £250,000 - £265,000 NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING This three bedroom semi detached house within easy reach of local shops, schools, Leigh Broadway and approx 1.2 miles from Leigh Station. Lounge with feature fireplace, 17'3 x 12'4 open plan kitchen and dining area, further rear dining room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., off street parking for two cars, 60' approx rear garden ref etl4978



## Leigh-on-sea £149,995

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## VACANT DETACHED BUNGALOW, SOUTH A.13, LEIGH £349,995

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## Leigh-on-sea £425,000

Spacious beautifully presented detached house that must be viewed to be fully appreciated. A most impressive family home situated on the sought after Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station and Marine Parade. Four bedrooms, en suite, three spacious reception rooms, superb kitchen, south westerly facing garden, garage and ample parking ref etl4807



## Daws Heath, Hadleigh £289,950

A superb and modern three bedroom family size bungalow situated in this most highly sought after semi-rural location of Daws Heath. The property benefits from a 55' approx. South facing rear garden. Luxury jacuzzi bathroom, fabulous 23'3 x 11'2 open plan lounge and dining room, 17'3 x 11' luxury kitchen / breakfast room, gas c/h, double glazing, detached garage and parking for 2-3 cars ref etl5087

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**HADLEIGH £199,995**

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NEW PRICE



**DAWS HEATH £244,950**

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If you want a rather more realistic scenario, you only have to look at what happened last year when first time buyers rushed to try and beat the deadline for the ending of the Stamp Duty holiday. Figures just released by one of the big national chains suggest that no fewer than 24,200 of them bought during March – a figure twice as high as the following month. But did those "lucky" buyers who managed to get in ahead of the deadline really end up better off? No. All that happened was that the resulting (and entirely predictable) feeding frenzy duly attracted the attention of sellers – and purchasers ended up paying the highest first time buyer prices seen all year!

The moral of this tale is that rather than trying to outguess the market, the best time to buy – or sell – is when it suits you. So, if you've already seen a property you like, and you are in a position to proceed from a financial point of view, then you should go ahead.

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So there you are. Go for it!

ALAN KIRKMAN is Director of Essex TEAM – part of the UK's largest branded network of independent estate agents, with 50 computer-linked offices across the county and 500 more nationwide. Managing Director of Tudor Estates in Southend, Alan has been an Estate Agent for over 25 years.



# Drivetime

## Cross the Trax

By Jonathan Crouch

**T**HE Chevrolet Trax aims to give the Nissan Juke and the Skoda Yeti something to think about in the compact Crossover market. There's a choice of three engines, auto and manual transmissions and a front or four wheel drive chassis.

Chevrolet has taken some time to enter this sector, but its Trax model aims to offer a compelling compromise between quality and value. It's built on much the same chassis as Vauxhall's Mokka but brings with it some very Chevrolet qualities. It has its work cut out, but it's got some intriguing attributes.

The Trax has clearly been designed to appeal to as wide a cross-section of the compact crossover demographic as possible. The front-wheel drive versions target those who just want a beefy-looking urban scooter that can do the school run and shopping with the bonus of an elevated driving position. Go for an all-wheel drive model and you're not really going to be buying yourself an awful lot of off-road ability but there's plenty of all-weather traction on offer and, as you might

expect in this class, the 4WD mechanicals don't require any special levers or buttons to activate. Drive the Trax on a normal tarmac surface and it'll direct all drive to the front wheels for optimum efficiency but when the road surface is slippery, as much as 50 per cent of the drive is automatically diverted to the rear axle. Don't worry too much about heavy all-wheel drive mechanicals either. This set up adds just 65kg to the all-up weight of a front-wheel drive variant.

There's been no expense spared on the Trax's chassis. It's a state of the art General Motors Gamma II chassis, which is one of the latest generation of modular platforms set to underpin almost all of the small cars from Vauxhall and Chevrolet. You get a 2,555mm wheelbase here, which means that the car is manoeuvrable but space inside needs to be utilised smartly. There are two rows of seats and no fewer than eight different seating configurations, which includes the ability to fold the front passenger seat flat to free up 1,371-litres of space. That's more than the 830-litres offered in the Nissan Juke but less than the bigger Skoda Yeti, which can boast

1580-litres.

With the rear seat in place, the Trax has a modest 356-litres of space, compared to the Juke's 550-litres and the Yeti's 416-litres. It does work smarter than most though, with a total of 19 interior storage areas which includes four cup-holders in the centre console. The dash is where this car looks most different to the Vauxhall Mokka, with the Trax getting a single dial for the rev counter with a big digital readout for the speedo, fuel gauge, trip meter and sat nav functions, where fitted.

Chevrolet claims the styling represents a 'fist in the wind' look, the bluff front end featuring a very high grille and bonnet. There's a lot of shape in the flanks with high-hipped rear wheel arch bulges. The neat overhangs hint at some off-road ability but the ride height isn't that generous. That wedge-shaped profile contributes to a respectable drag coefficient of 0.36, which is good for this class of vehicle.

This being Chevrolet, you can count on a good slug of gear being included as standard.

Even the entry-level LS gets daytime running lights, automatic lighting control, tyre pressure monitoring, cruise control, air conditioning, 16-inch alloy wheels, an MP3-compatible CD stereo with AUX-in, Bluetooth and wheel-mounted stereo and phone con-

trols. Safety gear includes stability control, front, side and curtain airbags, hill start assist and ISOFIX child seat fixings in the back.

Emissions are well capped. The 1.6-litre petrol engine is rated at 153g/km, while the all-wheel drive 1.4-litre turbo does even better at 149g/km.

The diesel comes in three flavours, front wheel drive manual (120g/km), front wheel drive auto (139g/km) and four-wheel drive manual (129g/km).

It's a similar story with fuel economy, with none of the Trax models proving particularly thirsty. The 1.6-litre petrol engine will manage 43.4mpg on the combined cycle with the 1.4-litre Turbo doing even better despite its power advantage, getting 44.1. The thirstiest diesel model is predictably the

automatic but a 53.3mpg figure isn't going to send too many to the wall. The front-wheel drive manual car manages 62.7mpg but the all-wheel drive version doesn't fare quite so well, eking 57.6 miles from a gallon of derv.

There's no doubt that Chevrolet has bitten off a lot with its Trax. What's more, it's certainly not the most obvious choice in the compact Crossover segment in the face of cars like the Skoda Yeti, the MINI Countryman, the Nissan Juke and its own stablemate, Vauxhall's Mokka. These rivals have obvious virtues, but this Trax's appeal lies in offering a blend of talents that's really very accomplished. But it'll take an informed buyer to appreciate that and, in most cases, quite a lot of expensive promotion.



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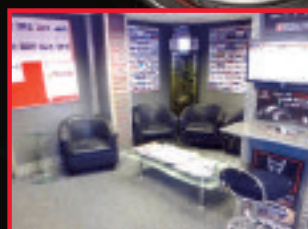
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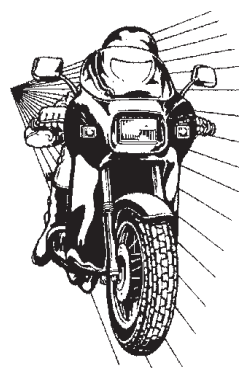
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(VARIOUS ROADS) (CONSOLIDATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS)  
**ORDER 2006 (AS AMENDED)**  
**(AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2013**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 61 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 of the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The general effect of the Order would be to amend the **Limited Waiting Times from 1 Hour No Return in 4 Hours 9am - 6pm Monday to Saturday to 2 Hours No Return in 4 Hours 9am - 6pm Monday to Saturday** on the following road within Leigh-on-Sea.

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(VARIOUS ROADS) (CONSOLIDATION OF MOVING TRAFFIC AND SPEED LIMIT)  
**ORDER 2006 (AS AMENDED)**

**(AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2013**

**Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Consolidation Order by adding the item listed in the Schedule below:

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## Hurst's late goal earns point for ten-man Blues

### Southend United

KEVAN Hurst scored a late equaliser as 10 man Southend United secured a point at Accrington Stanley in League Two on Saturday.

The midfielder struck eight minutes from time on a tough afternoon for the Blues.

They went behind to James Gray's goal just before the hour, and were a man light soon after when Ryan Cresswell was sent off for violent conduct after an incident with Gray.

With Cresswell now serving a three game suspension and injuries to Chris Barker and Mark

Phillips, the lack of cover at the back is causing Blues boss Paul Sturrock much concern.

He said: "It's exasperating. We will now miss Ryan for three games and we already have injuries. We have to try and bring people in but the positions we need them in changes every game.

"We have massive games with Cheltenham, Northampton and Leyton Orient in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and we will have to change it around again.

"Ryan is one of our rocks at the back and Chris and Mark are two key defenders who are missing with injuries. It will be a makeshift side we put together for some big matches."

Sturrock made four changes from their 1-0 win at Leyton Orient last week, with Phillips, Barker and Michael Timlin ruled out through injury while Alex Woodyard dropped to the bench.

Anthony Straker, Luke Prosser, Marc Laird and Michael Spillane came in to start.

The first half was a dull affair as both sides struggled to create clear cut chances.

Hurst produced several crosses which caused problems in the Stanley penalty area, while Spillane headed over from Sean Clohessy's cross.

Gray had a great chance at the end of the half, but dragged his shot wide when one-on-one with Blues keeper Paul Smith.

The hosts took the lead on 58 minutes when Gray produced a cool finish past Smith after good build up play by Romauld Boco.

Southend's afternoon soon got worse as Cress-



**SUPER STRIKE: Kevan Hurst.**  
Pictures by Dave Montier

well saw red with an off-the-ball incident with Gray.

Despite their numerical disadvantage, Blues equalised in the final ten minutes through Hurst who drove his shot into the bottom corner from 20 yards out.

Sturrock added: "Ryan got an elbow in the face and then it was a rush of blood and he grabbed the lad and you can't do that."

■ Southend were due to host Cheltenham Town in League Two on Tuesday night and Northampton Town on Saturday, kick-off at 3pm.



**SENT OFF: Ryan Cresswell.**

### Rugby Union

## Disappointment for Southend

SOUTHEND were unlucky to lose by one point as they went down 13-14 to Shelford at Warners Bridge on Saturday.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Southend as time is running against them in their relegation battle in National Two South.

Southend's Daniel Legge dived over the line on 11 minutes with Frost missing the conversion.

The normally reliable Frost then went on to miss four more penalties and it proved costly as Shelford got on the board with a try through Feofaaku Lea, converted by Hutchinson. Southend saw Andrew McClintock yellow carded and Shelford immediately extended their lead, Lea getting his second try, Hutchinson adding the extras for 5-14.

Bradley Burr scored a penalty for Southend for 8-14 and McClintock came back on to score a try a minute from time for 13-14.

Burr stepped up knowing his kick could win the match for Southend, but unfortunately it was not to be for Southend.

Bottom side Barking lost 32-10 at Dings Crusaders despite putting in brave performance.

They went in 11-3 down at half-time with Mark Woodrow kicking an early penalty and Auguy Slowik going over the line. Ollie Forrest kicked Barking's points.

Dings increased their lead in the second half through James Oakley, Ed Hack and Matty Wright, all converted by Woodrow.

Charles Baffour-Awuah scored Barking's only try of the match, converted by James Fouracre with the score at 18-10.

In National Three London & South East, Thurrock distanced themselves from the relegation zone beating bottom club Staines 69-0.

Westcliff lost 12-39 to Dorking in their battle against the drop. Hayden Whelan and George Weller went over the line for Westcliff, with Ben McKeith kicking a conversion.

Eton Manor were 16-27 victors over bottom side Rochford Hundred in London One North.

Basildon are above Rochford after going down 36-20 at Luton while Brentwood moved into fifth following their 13-17 victory at Diss and Romford & Gidea Park lost 22-28 to Letchworth Garden City.

Chelmsford's faint hopes of a play-off place were reduced as they lost 24-11 at near neighbours Baintree in London Two North East.

Woodford moved into third following their 27-12 victory over leaders North Walsham.

## Joy for Leopards as they reach Trophy final

### Basketball

A PERFECT weekend for Leopards saw them reach the National Trophy final and move up the EBL Division One table.

A 92-84 victory at Hemel Storm on Saturday evening saw the Big Cats reach the final of the one competition they failed to win last season, and they will face Tees Valley Mohawks in the final in Leicester on Saturday, February 23.

The following day saw second placed Team Northumbria comfortably beaten 73-56 in front of a packed Brentwood Centre crowd to complete Leopards' first back-to-back weekend success of the season.

At Hemel, Simon Cummings poured in a career 38 points, adding five rebounds and four assists as Leopards led for almost the whole game despite the hosts' never-say-die attitude.

Greg Hernandez finished with 25

points and seven rebounds, and Carl Josey added 11 and nine boards for Leopards.

Hernandez led the way on Sunday with 19 points, nine rebounds and four assists as Leopards never trailed after the opening stages.

Taner Adu added 18 points, while Cummings had 14 points, six assists and five boards, and Rowell Graham added nine points and ten rebounds.

It will be a blast from the past when Leopards face Bristol Acad-

emy Flyers at Southend Tennis & Leisure Centre on Sunday. The original Big Cats played two BBL games at the Essex venue in the 1998/9 season, with capacity crowds seeing them win on both occasions.

The Big Cats are also in action on Saturday when they travel to seventh placed Leicester Warriors to face a team that they beat 62-59 at home in the league but lost 88-83 at in the Trophy group stage.

## Late heartbreak for Town while Urchins salvage a point

### Non League Football

IT WAS disappointment for Billericay Town in Blue Square South on Saturday, as they went down 3-2 courtesy of a late goal at Maidenhead United.

Magpies substitute Reece Tison-Lascaris struck in the 90th minute to give the hosts the win.

Relegation threatened Blues looked to have snatched a point after Jay May (85) equalised.

Alex Wall (9, 76) had earlier put Maidenhead ahead while Rob Swaine (32) had initially scored Blues' equaliser.

AFC Hornchurch remain just above the drop zone as they drew 1-1 with Sutton United at the Hornchurch Stadium.

Sutton thought they had snatched it through Craig Dundas' goal in the 85th minute, but Wayne Gray salvaged a point with an 89th minute equaliser.

At the other end of the table Chelmsford City cruised to a 4-0 victory at Tonbridge Angels to move up to third.

Anthony Cook (16), Jamie Slabber (48), Rob Edmans (79) and Aiden Palmer (82) set City on their way. The Clarets were due to host fellow play-off hopefuls Farnborough at Melbourne Stadium on Monday night.

In Ryman League Premier, Concord Rangers maintained second place with a 3-0 win at Lewes.

After a goalless first half, Jason Hallett struck two minutes into the second half, with Leon Gordon and Danny Spendlove also getting on the scoresheet.

Canvey Island remain in third, behind Concord only on goal difference, after a 4-2 home victory over bottom side Carshalton Athletic, who went ahead through Nathaniel Pinney (8).

Jay Curran levelled on 19 minutes and Bradley Woods-Garness put Gulls ahead eight minutes later.

James Hawes added a third in the 36th minute to round off an exciting first half.

Hakeem Adelakun brought Robins back into the match in the second half, but Woods-Garness made sure of the win for Canvey, grabbing his

second five minutes from time.

Thurrock remain in the relegation zone following a 1-1 draw at Hastings. Mikel Suarez headed Hastings into the lead eight minutes before the interval, but Fleet equalised through Jack Paxman on 76 minutes.

East Thurrock United picked up a goalless draw at Lowestoft Town, who had Curtley Williams sent off in added time.

Ryman North leaders Maldon & Tiptree thrashed sorry Harlow Town 9-1 to restore their ten-point advantage at the top.

Chris Bryan (5), Lewis Dark (17) and Glen Golby (34) made it 3-0, before James Robinson (44, 47, and 57) netted a quick-fire hat-trick.

Joe Gardner (69) made it seven before Harlow got on the scoresheet through Clark Akers (74). However Maldon did not relent as debutant Eddie Hart (77) made it eight and got his second in added time.

Heybridge Swifts slipped from second down to fourth after losing 3-2 at Brentwood Town.

Steve Butterworth gave Town a seventh minute lead but Solomon Ofori put Swifts ahead

with a double around the hour mark.

Darren Blewitt (70) equalised and Sam West got Town's winner five minutes from time.

Grays Athletic moved up to second with a 3-0 home win over Redbridge thanks to goals from Danny Bunce (pen 10), Jared Small (19) and Jeff Hammond (46).

Waltham Forest held play-off chasers Potters Bar Town to a 1-1 draw at home. Cole Penny put Town ahead in the 38th minute but Forest earned their point thanks to Jack Leachman's goal 12 minutes from time.

Tilbury drew 1-1 at Needham Market. Tom Wright gave the Dockers the lead before the break but Sam Newson levelled in the 70th minute.

Witham Town picked up a 1-0 win at Romford thanks to Rob Whittlell's on 41 minutes while Boro had Jack Barry sent off late on.

Ilford slipped to the bottom on goal difference as they lost 4-1 at home to Waltham Abbey. Doubles from James Peagram and Dean Green set Abbey on their way while Warren Mfula grabbed a consolation goal for Ilford.



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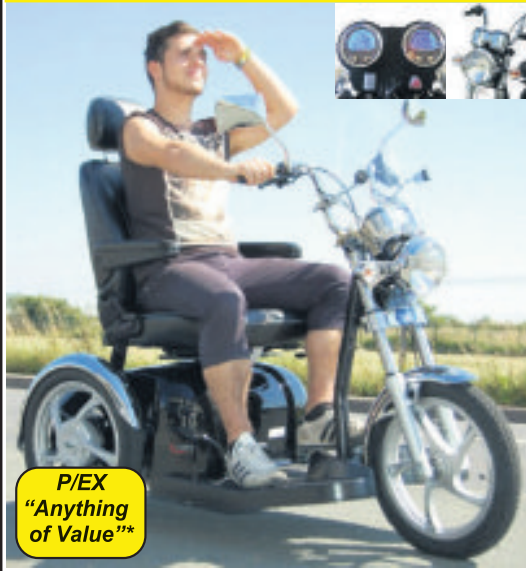


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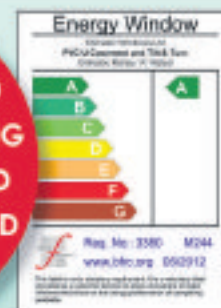
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